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TAGS: MARR, KS, US

SUBJECT: US GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA

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1. DURING CALL TODAY ON FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OTHER PURPOSES, I BRIEFED HIM ON REFTEL WHICH HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED. I STRESSED THAT GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE PHASED OVER 4-5 YEARS AND THAT SIGNIFICANT U.S. AIR, NAVAL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO KOREA AS NEEDED, AND THAT WE WOULD BE ADDING TO KOREAN DEFENSE CAPABILITY. DECISION TO

WITHDRAW GROUND FORCES BEGINNING 1978 HAD BEEN MADE ONLY AFTER INTENSIVE CONSIDERATION ALL RELEVANT FACTORS. U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENT WOULD REMAIN INTACT.

2. AGUSTSSON LISTENSED CAREFULLY AND THEN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH U.S. DECISION. AFTER NOTING THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD LONG PRESSED FOR U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL, FONMIN STATED U.S. DECISION WOULD ASSIST IN REDUCING TENSION IN AREA. DISCLAIMING ANY EXPERTISE ON MILITARY ASPECTS OF PROBLEM, HE NOTED THAT HE HAD "BEEN AROUND FOR QUITE A WHILE" AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND WAS PERSONALLY CONVINCED PENINSULA WOULD NEVER BE REUNIFIED EXCEPT THROUGH WAR, SUCH AS HAD OCCURRED IN VIETNAM. IN HIS JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, WAR IN THAT AREA WAS NOT RPT NOT IN INTEREST EITHER OF SOVIET UNION OR OF PRC, AND HE THEREFORE DOUBTED NORTH KOREA WOULD RISK IT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CONTINUING U.S. SECURITY COMMITMENT TO ROK AND STRENGTHENING OF ROK GROUND FORCES WHICH USG PLANNED.
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